

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A car audio/video equipment comprising:
a chassis including a front side having a bottom part;
a playing mechanism provided in the chassis;
a control panel provided on the chassis front side for operating the playing mechanism, the control panel having a bottom part detachably hinged to that of the chassis front side such that the control panel is removable from the chassis and such that a top part of the panel is pivotable from an upward position wherein the control panel lies flat on the chassis front side forward away from the chassis to a downward position extending therefrom for operation; and a wireless link provided between the control panel and the playing mechanism such that the playing mechanism is operable by the control panel when the panel is ~~detached-removed~~ from the chassis, acting as a remote controller, wherein the wireless link is provided by a single pair of transmitter and receiver.

2. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control panel has a first side adjacent the chassis front side, on which a plurality of control keys is provided for operating the playing mechanism.

3. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control panel includes a second side opposite the first side, the second side being substantially blank.

4. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein each bottom part of the chassis front side and the control panel has left and right corners adjacent those of the other bottom part respectively, and the adjacent corners of each of the left and right pairs are releasably hinged together.

5. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein a releasable catch is provided between the chassis front side and the control panel for holding the panel in the upward position.

6. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control panel dips at an acute angle in the downward position.

7. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control panel has generally the same shape and size as the chassis front side, and in the upward position covers substantially the entire chassis front side.

8. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wireless link comprises an infrared link.

9. (Currently Amended) A car audio/video equipment comprising:
a chassis including a front side having a bottom part;
a playing mechanism provided in the chassis;
a control panel provided on the chassis front side for operating the playing mechanism, the control panel having a bottom part detachably hinged to that of the chassis front side such that the control panel is removable from the chassis and such that a top part of the panel is pivotable from an upward position wherein the control panel lies flat on the chassis front side forward away from the chassis to a downward position extending therefrom for operation; and a wireless link provided between the control panel and the playing mechanism such that the playing mechanism is operable by the control panel when the panel is ~~detached~~ removed from the chassis, acting as a remote controller, wherein the wireless link is provided by a single pair of transmitter and receiver located at the control panel and the chassis front side respectively at positions generally aligned with each other such that the playing mechanism is operable by the control panel when the panel is attached to the chassis.

10. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control panel is hinged to the chassis for pivotal movement generally about a horizontal hinge axis, and the transmitter and receiver are located adjacent the hinge axis.

11. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 10, wherein the transmitter and receiver are located at substantially central positions as between left and right along the width of the control panel and chassis.

12. (Original) The car audio/video equipment as claimed in claim 10, wherein the transmitter and receiver are located at the same bottom corners of the control panel and chassis front side respectively.